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L. V. & E. T. BLUM,  
Salem, N. C., Jan. 1, 1880.

**THE STOCK LAW.**—Numerous false reports are being circulated relative to the enclosing of the townships that adopted the stock law. The fence will certainly be made, and the district enclosed within the time prescribed by law, and we would advise all persons interested to make preparations accordingly.

—The Mooresville Railroad, as it is familiarly known here, is again stirred up, and the friends of the enterprise are sanguine of its success. We sincerely hope our best wishes for its early completion, or extension of the Midland route, may be realized in the very near future.

From Washington.

Very little of interest in Congress during the past week.

Senator Ransom introduced a bill providing for the erection of a public building at Asheville.

In the House, Mr. Armfield presented a petition from citizens of Statesville for the erection of a Federal Court-house in that place, which was referred to the committee on public buildings and grounds.

The finance question was discussed.

A bill was introduced to enable Indians to become citizens of the United States.

A Mr. Pierce, of New York, has introduced a bill in Congress repealing act, repealing bankrupt law.

Mr. Blackburn, of Kentucky, abolishing tax on tobacco; also reducing the tax on distilled spirits to fifty cents on each proof gallon.

**EXTRA SESSION.**

Gov. Jarvis has issued his proclamation convening the General Assembly in extra session, on Monday the 15th day of March, for the purpose of considering a proposition for the purchase of the State's interest in and the completion of the Western North Carolina Railroad.

The good policy of convening the Legislature in extra session is doubted by many, and a number of the Democratic papers disapprove of it and denounce the "movement" as fraught with evil and very liable to have a bad effect politically and otherwise. Wise heads, however, no doubt have maturely considered the movement, and we hope it may turn out for the better.

We do not like to see all our railroads gradually passing into other hands.

The following from the Greensboro Patriot, contains substantially the objections entertained by other papers:

"We will do Gov. Jarvis the justice to take for granted that he is actuated by what he believes to be the interest of the State in this matter, and is therefore persuaded that the Legislature ought to be convened and the question submitted to the representatives of the people.

There are thousands of citizens of North Carolina, also desirous of her welfare, who honestly differ with the Governor and the Governor's advisers on that subject. If the Legislature were in session to-morrow we do not believe it would seriously discuss, and it ought not for a moment entertain the one-sided proposition that Best makes.

Under the circumstances is it good policy to call the Legislature together? Can Gov. Jarvis or anybody else control that body after it meets? Can he prevent the introduction of political questions, and new issues? by certain Radical politicians who are now eagerly anticipating this special session? It won't be called for anything of this kind, it is true, but will that prevent smart politicians from introducing questions and provoking discussions that have no relation whatever to the original business?

At this time, with the immense issues at stake within the coming months between now and the Presidential election we do not deem it good policy to give the enemy any

opportunity to throw the apples of discord amongst us, to create new grounds of dissension and widen those that my already exist.

This Western railroad is a dangerous question and one on which it is always easy to get up a discussion in this State, simply for the reason that it has been made by politicians a sectional question. This is one of the principle reasons urged by the friends of the proposed sale to Mr. Best, that it will get out of politics. But it won't be given away, and consequently it won't be taken out of politics.

—The Cincinnati Southern Rail-

road was opened for freight on the 23d inst.

—Grant has met with a brilliant reception in the city of Mexico.

—From present indications, Grant will probably be the Republican candidate for President.

Diphtheria is raging in Central America. Since November, over 40,000 persons have died from the disease in two provinces.

—Dr. Brandreth, the great pill man, of New York, is dead, leaving a sum worth two or three millions.

—The Governor of New York has signed the bill admitting women to vote for school officers.

—Dr. Jeter, an eminent divine of the Baptist Church, died in Richmond, aged 78 years.

—The fresco painter at the capital in Washington, Constantine Brumide, is dead.

—Sale of Leaf Tobacco by Producers.

In an interview Mrs. Hatch, of Missouri, in relation to his bill in the last of the proposed extra session, in twenty or thirty thousand dollars when a proposition to buy a railroad in hand? The people have been taught by Democratic papers and speakers that there is a great need of retrenchment, of reform, and so on. Is all this claptrap? The so-called leaders in North Carolina have caught the infection of extravagance. Of course call the Legislature. Who cares? Have a permanent session. Appoint a grand committee to hold sessions all the year round. Other Syndicates may desire to be heard, and another extra session must be called. We confess we have no patience with such wild extravagance.

The Star of the 21st says: "It need not be a surprise if Gov. Jarvis and his Council succeed in drawing an immense elephant in that extra session. Selah!"

Since the above the Governor has issued an address to the people of this State upon the subject, which shall appear in our columns next week.

### POLITICAL NOTES.

#### STATE.

Judge Reade has declined to be the Republican candidate for Governor.

The Statesville American thinks that had Judge Reade been willing to accept the Republican nomination for Governor, the chances are that he would have been nominated by acclamation. It thinks, too, that Republican success would be absolutely assured under the leadership of either Bynum, Buxton or Barringer.

Among the Democrats the following gentlemen will be prominent before the State Convention to nominate as Governor: Messrs. Fowle, Scales, Judge McKay, Steele, Ashe, Merrimon and Jarvis.

The race at present lies apparently between Fowle, Jarvis and Scales. While we are perfectly willing to abide by the decision of the Convention, we think Gov. Jarvis is entitled to the nomination.

Two of the Republican delegates for the State at large to the National Republican Convention supposed to be for Sherman, are now for Grant.

#### NATIONAL.

Hon. E. B. Washburn is said to be the dark horse in the Republican Presidential camp. He is opposed to the third term.

#### MARYLAND FOR BAYARD.

The Legislature of Maryland has been polled, resulting as follows:

**Democrats.**—Bayard, 53, Tilden, 10, Seymour, 6, Hancock, 4, Thurman, 1, any allowable man 8.

**Republicans.**—Blaine, 18, Grant, 5, Sherman, 1, any available candidate 1.

Present indications in Pennsylvania and New York are for Grant.

The Republican Convention will meet in Chicago, June 2nd.

The Democratic Convention will be held in Cincinnati on the 22d of June.

**TELEPHONES AT SEA.**—A Frenchman living near Lockport, N. Y., claims to have invented a deep sea telephone, enabling voyagers to speak with friends at home while on the stormy ocean.

Edison's electric light seems to be rather at a discount. The inventor is sick, it is said, from overwork and anxiety.

The telephone at sea remains to be fully tested.

### Diminished Mail Service.

Only One Mail a Week on the Little roads.

Special to Baltimore Sun:

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The order of the Postmaster-General in reducing the mail service upon all star routes (which means all routes that are not on lines of railroads) to one trip a week will cause a great outcry all over the country, and will bring such a tornado about the heads of Congressmen that they will be glad to appropriate money so that the regular service may be resumed.

The necessity of this order is a natural consequence of the general disposition which the department has shown in extending routes. So great has been the increase of population in the West that the demand for mail facilities has vastly exceeded the appropriations of Congress, and Assistant Postmaster-General Brady has enlarged the service whenever it has been needed. In doing this he has expended nearly all the money appropriated for the year in about seven months, and as Congress has neglected so far to provide for the deficiency, the Postmaster-General has decided to cut down the service until the money is appropriated, which, as stated last night, it is hoped by these interested will be effected through the committee on post offices.

The following is the text of the order issued by the Postmaster-General cutting down the mail service on all the "star" routes.

**To the Second Assistant Postmaster General.**—That there may be no deficiency created to maintain the star service for the present fiscal year, I direct that on and after the 1st of March proximo, the service on all star routes be reduced to one trip per week, allowing one month's extra pay, as provided by law, on services dispensed with. I also direct that the service placed on new routes since and including July 1, 1879, be discontinued if the foregoing reduction is not sufficient for the purpose indicated. I think the rapid growth of population and business in the Territories and in the new States and the restoration and improvement of the service in the Southern States demand the existing service, and in many instances additional service on old and new service on recently established routes. I also believe the public service will suffer by the reduction, but the law requires that I shall not exceed the appropriation, and I am determined to conform to the law.

D. M. KEY,  
Postmaster-General."

REVIVAL OF THE IRON TRADE.—

The New York Tribune quotes a large Pittsburg iron manufacturer as saying in regard to the iron trade:

"The business is in a magnificent condition. Furnace owners who are mining their own ores or have old contracts at \$7 or \$8 a ton are making a hundred per cent. upon their outlay. The cost of smelting when bituminous coal or coke is used does not exceed \$14 or \$15 per ton, and as the price of pig metal is now from \$40 to \$45, you will see that the margin of profit is enormous. New contracts for ore average about \$12, and men who pay this and also pay the highest price for coke are still getting rich as fast as they ought to desire. He said the general impression is that this flood-tide of prosperity will run throughout the year, whilst some are sanguine of a longer continuance.

—There are said to be 20,000 exuders in Kansas, with more continually arriving, ragged, barefoot and hungry. The Radis ought to feed and clothe them.

THE CAPTAIN AND YARDIN VALLEY RAILROAD.—The grading is now progressing at the rate of about one mile a week. Twenty-two miles remain to be graded. The force at this end was moved down a couple of weeks ago to the new stockade, twelve miles south of Greensboro, and the force at the other end have also been moved into a new stockade. The engineer corps have completed the survey, permanently located the line south of Greensboro and made all the maps, estimates, &c., and on Monday moved up and began to survey from here to Mt. Airy, by way of Bruce's and Walnut Cove. They are now in camp two and a half miles from town. As soon as the survey is made a stockade will be erected as quarters for one hundred hands, which the Penitentiary authorities have promised.

—Salisbury Watchman.—Lewis Vogier, of this place, has bought and sold, up to this date, the present season, 20,000 rabbit skins.

—Bingham's school has over 150 boys. The Raleigh Observer says that there are now 525 pupils at the graded school there, in good standing. There are 667 names on the roll.

—The great Durham tobaccoists, W. T. Blackwell & Co., a day or two since, sold to one man 200,000 pounds of their smoking tobacco, receiving therefore the sum of \$125,000. This is one of the largest sales ever made.

—The Vienna Tagblatt relates that for some days past the Czar daily received a sealed letter containing a few words of menace, and saying that if he did not change his system of oppression he would not live to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his accession. The sheet was always bordered with black. In court circles it was known as the "black letter." All efforts to discover the person who conveyed it to the Emperor's room were unsuccessful.

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—A wagon containing seven bales of cotton, on its way to Quile recently, caught fire from a spark from the driver's pipe, and before it could be extinguished most of the cotton was always bordered with black. In court circles it was known as the "black letter." All efforts to discover the person who conveyed it to the Emperor's room were unsuccessful.

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—The warehouse of the North Carolina Railroad Company, at Cary, came near being consumed by fire Sunday night, at an early hour. Persons on the return from church saw the fire, and by hard work saved the building. The damage was not very great, but the walls were considerably burned. The contents were not injured. The fire was found to have been caused by a rat, which carried some matches to burn in the wall of the house.

—**Bald Mountain Quakes Again.**—Mr. R. L. Taylor has just returned from Spartanburg from Bald Mountain, and reports that the residents there felt shocks and heard rumblings in the mountains on the 28th and 29th of January. On the 10th February, he heard the rumbling very distinctly himself at a distance of seventeen miles. The people are considerably excited again, and confidently expect the whole Mountain to fall to pieces soon.

—**Raleigh Observer.**—The Insane Asylum, with 310 patients, keeping up the same excellent diet and care of patients as heretofore, cost the State for the year 1879, \$44,500, whereas about 278 patients for the previous year it is understood cost more than \$70,000. The Deaf and Dumb Asylum reports that the actual expenses of the asylum for the year 1878 were \$32,479, and that there is a balance of \$7,510.22 to be carried over to the next year, and that the institution has been operated at the smallest cost of any previous year.

—**Statesville Landmark.**—Last Saturday night the prisoners confined in the jail at Wilkesboro made their escape in a body, by digging a hole in the wall under one of the windows in the building. Among those in the party were Dan'l Dishman, the notorious desperado, who was recently tried in Irredell court for his life, for the crime of burglary; another was his partner, Lambert, and another, Elijah Church, a desperado of even more notoriety than Dishman, who was but recently recaptured, after having escaped from jail, and out of whose legs three bullets were cut after he was re-imprisoned. Lambert was recaptured Sunday morning, but at last accounts the rest were still at liberty.

—**Raleigh Observer.**—There is a large orchard in the world, probably that of Robert McKinstry, of Hudson, N. Y., which contains more than 24,000 apple trees, 1,700 pear trees, 4,000 cherries, 500 peaches, 200 plums, 200 crab, 1,500 vines, 6,000 currants and 500 chestnuts. The apple crop of last year was 30,000 barrels.

—**The Indian.**—The Indian has the best plan, after all, if their medicine man didn't bring rain at the promised time, he was strung up. This method would thin out the ranks of our countless weather prophets, while the effect on the weather would hardly be noticed.

—**Raleigh Observer.**—There were in North Carolina, in 1870, in farms, improved woodlands, and unimproved land, 18,835,410 acres. Of this 5,253,742 acres were improved, over one million acres less than we had in 1860, or about 20 per cent. of the whole. To this may be added 13,000,000 acres of wild lands making an area of 33,000,000 acres in round numbers. The average size of our farms at that date was 212 acres. We had at that date a population of 1,071,361, or about 21 to the square mile. Of this population only 45 per cent. over ten years of age, were at work, the remaining 55 per cent. doing nothing. We had at this time 307,962 native North Carolinians living in other States, while we had living in our own midst only 3,029 citizens of foreign birth.

—**Raleigh Observer.**—There were in the Sultan ten servants whose special duty it is to unfold the carpets for him when he is going to pray; ten to take care of his pipes and cigarettes; two to dress his royal hair; and twenty to attend to his most noble clean shirt. There are a multitude of other attendants about the palace; indeed, it is stated that 800 families and about 4,000 persons live at his Majesty's expense. He is an extravagant house-keeper; the annual expenditures of the palace are mentioned as nearly \$14,0



## POETRY.

TRUST.

JOHN G. WHITTIER.

A picture memory brings to me :  
I look across the years and see  
Myself beside my mother's knee.

I feel her gentle hand restrain  
My selfish mood, and know again  
A child's blind sense of wrong and pain.

But wiser now, a man gray grown,  
My childish needs are better known,  
My mother's chastening love I own.

Gray grown, but in our Father's sight  
A child still groping for the light.  
To read his ways aright.

I bow my self beneath His hand ;  
That's all I need, for good was planned  
In us, but can't understand.

Finally, when it needs must be  
That I'm no longer dealt with me,  
She's still my children's dearest.

I wait, and trust the end will prove  
That here and there, above,  
The chastening heals, the pain is love!

## HUMOROUS.

"Sockery" sets Out to Set a Hen.

Pittsburg Chronicle.

Messrs. Verris, "I see dot most everybody writes someding for de shiken we pers now-a-days, and I thought praps meppin' on do dot too, so I wrote all about vot dook blace mit me lasht summer. You know—den I dellas you—dot Katrina (dot is mein vrou) und me, we keep some shickens for a long dime ago, und von bay she sait to me, "Sockery," (dot is mein nome) "wod dook ya' but some de aigs under dot old plue hen shickens? I dinks she vants to say," "Vell," I said, "mepppe I guess I will." So I bicked oude some of de pest aigs, und dook um oude to de parn fere de olt hen make her necht in de site of de hay-mow, poud five or six feet up; now you see I never vas ferrig pig up in town, but I vas putty pig all de way round in de mittle, so I koodn't reach up diff I went und got a parrel do stant on; vell I kilmet me on de parrel, und ven my hed right up by de necht, dot old hen she gif me such a bick dot mein nose, und mein face mit plod, und ven I tode pack dot plasted old parrel be break, und I went town ker-sham; py cholly, I didn't tink I could go inside a parrel before, put den I vas, und I fit so diret I koodn't get me out all effervays, my fest was bushed way up under my armholes. Ven I fount I vas into stuck, I holler, "Katrina, Katrina!" und ven she koom und see me stuck in de parrel on my arm-holes, mit my nose in plod and aigs, py cholly, she shust lait town on de hay und laft und laft, till I get so mat I said, "Vot you lay dere und laf like a oot, eh? Vy dont you koom und pull me out?" und she set up und said, "Oh vips off your chin, und pull your fest town," den she lait pack und laft like she vood slit herself more as efer. Mat is vas I thought to myself, Katrina, she sheep English pooy goot, put I only said, mit my greatest dignituks, "Katrina, vill you pull me dis parrel out?" und she said I look pooy red, so she said, "Of course I vill, Sockery;" den she laid me und she koom on side, and I dook holt da door sill, und Katrina bull on de parrel, put de first bull she mait I yell, "Domme und blitzen, shopt dat, by cholly, der is nials in de parrel!" und ven de nials pent down ven I went in, put ven I kooms out dey shicks in me all de way round; und I git up mit haif a parrel round my vaist; den Katrina she say: "Sockery, vass ill, I get a batterin' of dot new oferskit you hav on," put I didn't said a vort. I shust got a nife out und with de hoofs of und shling dot confoundit old parrel in do voot bile. Pimehy, ven I koom in de house Katrina she sait, so soft like, "Sockery, dont you go to but some aigs under dot olte hen?" den I said, in my deepest voice, "Katrina, if you effer say dot to me again, I'll get a pluf from you, help me chimainy gracious," und I dell you, she dont say dot any more. Vell, Meester Verris, ven I step on a parrel now, I dind stop on it, I git a pox. Merry drooly yours,

SOCKERY KADACUT.

The five-year old daughter of an Eighth street family, (related the Cincinnati *Advertiser*) the other day stood watching her baby brother who was making a great fuss over having his face washed. The little miss at length lost her patience, and stamping her tiny foot, said: "You think you have lots of trouble, but you don't know anything about it. Wait till you're old enough to get spanked, and then you'll see trouble. Won't he, mamma?"

"I hope you will be able to support me," said a young lady, while walking with her lover on a slippery pavement. "Why yes," said the hesitating swain, "with a little assistance from your father." Conversation and a profound silence ensued.

Body-shedding pyravil in Illinois. There is a good deal of that done in this community, that we are under the impression that the boys call it hugging.

—Seek well and the sequel will prove your sagacity.

Annie Mation is as lively as any of the young girls of the day.

—When a man falls down his temper generally gets up before he does.

—Some ships carry strangely die proportionate cargoes. The Boston *Advertiser* says that a vessel recently left the New World for the shores of benighted Africa, carrying 800,000 gallons of rum and one missionary.

## AGRICULTURAL.

### Tobacco Culture.

BY R. B. DAVIS, OF CATAWBA.

### SELECTION AND PREPARATION OF THE SOIL.

A soft, deep, sandy soil is preferable, which before planting should be always put in the finest tilth, being an adage with good farmers, "that a crop properly planted is half worked."

If the land is new ground, it should, after having been grubbed and chopped, be raked cleanly and all leaves and litter burnt. It is then ready for the plow, and should be closely broken twice and crosswise with the bull-tongue, and as often harrowed. It should next be marked off by bull tongue in horizontal rows three feet three inches apart, into which should be drilled 300 pounds per acre, unless where the land is naturally rich, of good and active fertilizer. It is then ready to be listed or bedded with a turning-hoe. I prefer the list, since it lightens the hoe work of hillings, and is at the same time a more economical use of the fertilizer—the balks between can be thrown out at the first weeding. With a broad weeding hoe these lists or beds should now be worked into conical hills, placing them three feet three inches apart, and giving about 4,300 hills to the acre. I know that many recommend more crowded planting, giving the rows and hills a distance of only three feet. But in doing so nothing, in my opinion, is gained in weight, while something is lost in the length, breadth and body of the leaf, which with the manufacturer are the prime requisites. The hills can be laid off with great accuracy by stepping or otherwise measuring on one row, and then placing the hills of the next between those of the first and so on, or what is called dodging them. To prevent crowding or irregularity in hillings, this rule will be found of use where raw hands are employed.

The hill-culture, both in the preparation and the subsequent working of the tobacco crop, should never be departed from, for the reason that that method of cultivation gives the land the best drainage of which it is capable. And in this crop drainage is one of the first things to be considered, for the reason that all the diseases to which the plant is liable, such as frenching, firing, spotting, rusting and shedding, come from excessive rain, accompanied by excessive heat. The growth of the plant by itself would suggest as much, for in time of drought the leaves stand up to gather the rain, but so soon as it has enough of it they turn down and throw it off. I repeat, then, let no water stagnate upon the ground.

For new ground, the hilling can be done as early as March and April, and should be always when the soil is in good working order and neither too wet nor too dry. In the one case it will bake and prevent the ready growth of the plant, and in the other it will require much rain to put it in condition for planting.

If the land is not new ground, either forest or pine field, it should be fresh or at least long rested and in good heart, and upon which neither corn nor sorghum has been lately cropped. For such land the preparation is in all respects similar to that for new ground, except that a turning-plow may take the place of the bull-tongue, and that the hillings should not be done earlier than the first of May, for fear that the hills may become grassy while waiting for plants or a season to plant them. To preserve such lands and to prevent damage to the growing crop from washing rains, water furrowing or guttering is recommended.

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